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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE RSO ON 2 AND 3 OCT. 76. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON 2 OCT, JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, WAS ATTENDING CEREMONIES AT CAMPO DE MAYO IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY. HE DEPARTED THE REVIEWING STAND TO GO TO ANOTHER PART OF THE POST. APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, A BOMB DETONATED UNDER-NEATH THE REVIEWING STAND. THE BOMB CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 4 OZ. OF AN EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALENT TO DYNAMITE. THE REVIEWING STAND WAS CONSTRUCTED OF PIPE TYPE SCAFFOLDING. THE BOMB HAD BEEN INSERTED IN ONE OF THE PIPES. BOMB WAS DETONATED BY MECHANICAL TIMER. GOA PERSONNEL TOOK INTO CUSTODY THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO HAD ERECTED THE REVIEWING STAND. ONE MEMBER OF GROUP CONFESSED TO PLANTING THE BOMB. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WERE INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION, INCLUDING ONE REPORTER.

2. RSO COMMENT: SPECIFICALLY, AN INTERESTING POINT WITH RESPECT TO THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT IS THE FACT THAT AMONG THE MUNICIPAL WORK FORCE AN OBVIOUS TERRORIST HAD

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APPARENTLY BEEN A LATENT STATE AND ACTIVATED FOR THIS PARTICULAR ACTIVITY. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN THE BOMBING OF THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE HQ (B.A. 4374) INVESTIGATION SUBSEQUENTLY REVEALED THAT THE BOMBING WAS PERPETRATED BY TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN RECRUITED BY THE MONTONEROS, SENT THROUGH POLICE TRAINING AND ACTIVATED FOR THAT PARTICULAR OPERATION. NUMEROUS TERRORIST ACTIONS HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF PENETRATIONS INTO THE POLICE, MILITARY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOA. NO MENTION OF THIS EVENT HAS APPEARED IN ARGENTINE NEWS MEDIA.
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